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## **Yukon government announces improved access to camping opportunities**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will invest more than half a million dollars this year on the development of a new campground near Carcross and to extend campground availability throughout Yukon.

"With mountain bike trails and a boat launch nearby, the Conrad campground on Windy Arm should prove popular with outdoor enthusiasts," Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko said. "This government is committed to expanding and upgrading camping opportunities to improve the quality of life for Yukoners and enhance visitor experiences."

The bulk of the construction of the 35-site campground will take place this year. It will help meet the growing demand for recreational opportunities near Whitehorse and will open to the public in 2016. The campground is one of the six priorities identified in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Yukon government in support of recreational land and infrastructure development in the First Nation's Traditional Territory.

Subject to legislative approval, the Yukon government is budgeting up to \$576,000 in 2015/16 for campground-related investments. These include:

- development of the Conrad campground, including construction of a gravel roadway, campsites, camping facilities and walking trails;
- opening 10 campgrounds on May 8 instead of the May long weekend, to better support the tourism sector as well as for the enjoyment of Yukoners; and
- maintaining full services to the same 10 campgrounds until the end of September.

This is the first year the government has offered a fully extended season at 10 campgrounds.

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Learn more: Yukon government campground availability

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